

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are now pending in the application. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed} and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 25, 20, 1-3, 7, 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP02001175246A in view of Caldwell et al. (2626345). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner relies on JP 02001-1755246A and Caldwell, and rejects claims 25, 20, 1-3, 10, 11, 12 and 21 to 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). The Examiner further relies on JP 2001-1755246A, Caldwell, JP 2001-242868A and Albrecht, and rejects claims 16, 19 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). However, the Examiner admits the allowability of claims 4-6, 8, 9, 13-15, 17 and 18.

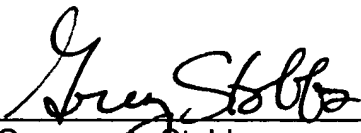
Claims 4 and 6 are dependent on claim 1 through dependent claims 2 and 3, claim 8 is dependent on claim 1 through claims 2 and 7, claim 13 is dependent on claim 1 through claims 11 and 12, and claims 17 and 18 are dependent on claim 1 through claims 2 and 16. The applicants rewrite claims 4, 6, 8, 13, 17 and 18 in independent form, and claims 5, 9 and 14, 15 are dependent on amended claims 4, 9 and 13. The applicants cancel all the rejected claims. Thus, the applicant believes that all the allowable claims are put in the condition of allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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